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AA AA	LL	PP PP	HH	HH	AA AA
AAAAAAAAA	LL	PPPPPPPPP	HHHHHHHHH	HHHHHHHHH	AAAAAAAAA
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This is the official publication of the Miller Number Custodian (MNC), who is Randy Grigsby. My address is 93 St. Vincent St., R.R.#3, Barrie, Ontario, Canada L4M 4S5. The purpose of the MNC is to register variant (Diplomacy) gamestarts and finishes. There is NO fee for this service.

Enclosed in this issue is a variant rating system (VPRS) established by Glenn Overby. Included with this, is the listing of the top fifty (active) variant players according to the game finishes listed in A & O issues #1-18. Now that some effort is being made to rate the variant hobby, maybe more end game results will find their way to the MNC. If you are a GM or a player in a variant game that has finished and you are not sure if the results have been send to me, could you please forward them. Thank you. I've also printed the current standings of Fred Hyatt's ratings for Colonia game finishes.

Miller Numbers issued since A & O #18.

1989Frd10 Stab Simon Billenness Excitement City Unltd.
Aus-Jake Walters, Eng-Marc Hanna, Fra-Tom Nash, Ger-Brad Wilson,
Ita-Derwood Bowen, Rus-Glenn Petroski, Tur-Jason Bergmann

1989Grb32 Gunboat Vince Lutterbie Down At The Mouth

1989Hrd22 Fog of War Phil Reynolds Dipadeedoodah!
Aus-George Mann, Eng-David Munzenmaier, Fra-William Phillips,
Ger-Matthew Grasse, Ita-Bob Sweeney, Rus-Richard Weiss,
Tur-Dave Wileon

1989Irb32-Orb32 Round Robin Gunboat Lee Kendter Jr. Get Them Dots Now!
Game nicknames "GTDN #7", "GTDN #8", "GTDN #9", "GTDN #10",
"GTDN #11", "GTDN #12", "GTDN #13"

1989Prx02 Intimate Dip Cal White Tyromania
Aus-Francois Guerrier, Eng-Doug Acheson

1989Qch09 Gunboat Colonia VI Derek Levison The Home Office
Game nickname "THO #28 Minnesota"

1989Rrb32 Gunboat Phil Reynolds Dipadeedoodah!

1989Srb32	Gunboat	George Mann	Son Of Flip
	Game nickname "Mann Overboard"		
1989Tcn05	Cline-9	Bob Acheson	The Canadian Diplomat
	Aus-Brad Wilson, Barbary States-John Crosby, Eng-Jack McHugh, Fra-Doug Acheson, Ger-Brian Wilson, Ita-Barry Hickey, Persia-Dave Anderson, Rus-Graham Wilson, Tur-Arthur Thomas		
1989Urb32	Gunboat	Doug Acheson	Clandestine Activities
	Game nickname "Iribelle"		
1989Vqp05	Youngstown XII	Lee Kendter Jr.	Get Them Dots Now!
	Aus-Paul Kelly, Chi-Phil Geusz, Eng-Derek Levison, Fra-Gene Prosnitz, Ger-Michael Gonsalves, India-David Anderson, Ita-Fred Hvatt, Japan-Jack McHugh, Rus-Robert Cheek, Transvaal-Scott Beckett, Tur-Vince Springer, USA-Karl Schuetz		
1989Wrb62	Get Them Dots Now	Lee Kendter Jr.	Get Them Dots Now!
	Aus-Alex Sheldon, Eng-Karl Schuetz, Fra-Dave Anderson, Ger-Scott Beckett, Ita-Ken Gestiehr, Rus-Art Shulman, Tur-Marc Peters		
1989Xcb47	Gunboat Landbridge I-A	Lee Kendter Jr.	Get Them Dots Now!
	Game nickname "GTDN #15"		
1989Yrb32	Gunboat	Douglas Kent	Maniac's Paradise
	Game nickname "In Control"		
1989Zrx02	Intimate Dip	Glenn Overby	Mondo
	Ita-Marion Bates, Tur-Jim Bragg		
1989AArb32-AGrb32	Round Robin Gunboat	Melinda Holley	Starwood
1989AHrb32	Gunboat	Raymond Seltzer	Protocol
1989AIr32	Gunboat	Melinda Holley	Rebel
	Game nickname "Shadow"		
1989AJrb32	Gunboat	Douglas Kent	Maniac's Paradise
1989AKrb32	Gunboat	Douglas Kent	Maniac's Paradise
1989ALrx02	Intimate Dip	Doug Acheson	Clandestine Activities
	Eng-Cal White, Ita-Randolph Smyth		
1989AMrx02	Fra-Mark Hunt, Tur-Chris Geggus		
1989ANrx02	Ger-Mark Nelson, Tur-Dave Anderson		
1989AOrx02	Ger-Randy Grigsby, Ita-Bruce McIntyre		
1989APrb32-AVrb32	Round Robin Gunboat	Melinda Holley	Starwood
1989AWrb32	Gunboat	Jason Bergmann	Entropy
	Game nickname "Phenylalanine"		
1989AXrb32	Gunboat	Lewis Carter	Electronic Protocol
1989AYts19	Downfall VII	Jason Bergmann	Down At The Mouth
	Dwarves-Tom Nash, Elves-Brian Hogan, Gandalf-Dave Anderson, Gondor-Tim Stark, Mordor-Dwayne Douglas, Rohan-Cathy Ozog, Saruman-Craig Mills, Umbar-Tim Moore		

FINAL STATS

THE CANADIAN DIPOLOMAT

		<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>
AUSTRIA	Brad Wilson	4	3	3	4	4	1	0	0
ENGLAND	Pierre Touchette	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	0
	SB Dave Rice F03								
FRANCE	Paul Watson	6	6	6	8	8	10	10	10 (2 way draw)
GERMANY	Gordon Clarry	5	6	6	7	7	7	10	11 (2 way draw)
	SB Dave Anderson W06								
ITALY	James Kramer	3	5	5	2	2	1	0	0
	SB Doug Acheson S01								
RUSSIA	Cathy Ozog	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	3 (survived)
TURKEY	Melinda Holley	4	6	7	7	7	10	10	10 (survived)

THO #6 KLINGER 1986Pgh GUNBOAT COLONIA VI: THE OTTOMAN CONCESSION PASSES: 103YES, 32NO.
GM: Fred Hyatt, 60 Grandview Place, Montclair, NJ 07043

THE PLAYERS:

AUSTRIA: Lee Kendter, SR.
CHINA: David Rice (Drop Fall 1757) Gene Prosnitz (Drop Fall 1759) CIVIL DISORDER
ENGLAND: Karl Schuetz
FRANCE: Doug Acheson
NETHERLANDS: Ted Reiner (Drop Fall 1754) Geoffrey Richard
OTTOMAN: Lee Kendter, JR
PORTUGAL: Phil Cooper (Resign Spring 1752) John Crosby (Drop Fall 1756) Stan Johnson
RUSSIA: David McCrumb
SPAIN: Robert Stimmel

SUPPLY CENTER HISTORY:

	<u>1751</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>64</u>
AUSTRIA	8	12	13	14	13	11	12	11	10	11	13	12	11	7
CHINA	7	10	11	11	12	12	7	7	3	1	1	1	0	0
ENGLAND	10	15	19	20	19	22	26	25	26	24	18	18	19	16
FRANCE	8	12	16	12	13	14	15	18	21	21	21	17	13	13
NETHERLANDS	10	10	12	13	15	13	13	14	12	12	11	13	15	16
OTTOMAN	9	10	12	14	15	19	20	21	22	25	29	33	36	43 WINS BY CONCESSION
PORTUGAL	9	15	16	18	15	12	11	11	12	12	13	14	15	16
RUSSIA	12	15	13	14	15	17	17	17	20	22	22	23	24	24
SPAIN	9	13	15	14	15	14	14	11	9	7	7	4	2	0

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THE CANADIAN DIPOLOMAT

A ENGLISH - TURKISH DRAW

DRAW VOTE

3 Yes, 2 NVR

FINAL STATS AS OF SPRING 1907

		<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	
AUSTRIA	Hugh Polley	4	4	2	0			
ENGLAND	Dave Anderson	4	6	7	8	11	10	2 way draw
FRANCE	Fred Davis	5	6	6	6	6	7	survived
GERMANY	Rob Lowes	4	1	0				
ITALY	Melinda Holley	4	4	5	6	5	2	survived
RUSSIA	Doug Acheson	7	7	6	5	2	1	survived
TURKEY	David Rice	5	6	8	9	10	14	2 way draw

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FINAL STATS

THE CANADIAN
DIPLOMAT

		<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	
FILMERIA	Stewart	2	0				eliminated
LON 7	Clarry	4	4	4	2	1	survived
	Hickey F04						
BROWN ANARCHISTS	Brown	3	5	6	8	9	survived
AIKEN DRUM	Kralt						
	Rice W02						
	Stark F03	6	8	7	5	2	survived
MAIZUVA	Grigsby	6	9	13	16	19	WINS
ALPHA COMPLEX	Palter						
	Gautron W02	5	4	4	3	3	survived
HOUSE OF HABSBURG	B. Wilson	4	3	0			eliminated

THO #22 "ORGEON" 1988Wgh COLONIA VI.

The NETHERLANDS-OTTOMAN-RUSSIA draw passed: 120 YES, 15 NO. The game has ended.

GM: Fred Hyatt, 60 Grandview Place, Montclair, NJ 07043

AUSTRIA: Doug Acheson; CHINA: Robert Acheson; ENGLAND: Eric Schuetz; FRANCE: Bernie Oaklyn (RES W '52) John Bauland; NETHERLANDS: Gene Prosnitz; OTTOMAN: Lee Kendter, JR
 PORTUGAL: Stan Johnson; RUSSIA: David Lang; SPAIN: Rory Noble (Drop W'53) Jack McHugh

	1751	1752	1753	1754	1755	
AUSTRIA	10	12	12	12	11	
CHINA	7	8	7	5	3	
ENGLAND	10	15	21	23	17	
FRANCE	8	9	8	6	3	
NETHERLANDS	10	13	21	21	27	DRAW
OTTOMAN	10	13	16	21	27	DRAW
PORTUGAL	8	13	15	14	15	
RUSSIA	12	15	20	23	27	DRAW
SPAIN	7	10	9	8	5	

<u>03</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>01</u>
1	2	3
4	3	3
0	1	3
1	1	4
9	7	4
7	6	4
2	4	3

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Carolina Command & Commentary
GM: David Hood

SkinnyDip

Austria Adam Meldrom (Surv S04)
 England John Crosby (Surv S04)
 France Brad Wilson (Out F03)
 Germany Bill Hunter (Surv S04)
 Italy Marc Peters (Draw S04)
 Russia Tom Johnston (Draw S04)
 Turkey Dave McCrumb (Surv S04)

PAC-MAN 1988 HK 1632

Endgame statistics - Pre-Fall 1910 ('to' means 'up to and including')

AUSTRIA: Tom Swider to S'05; civil disorder.

ENGLAND: Al Tomaszewski.

FRANCE : 'Spike van Robart' to S'01; Ray Scott.

GERMANY: Bob Gossage.

ITALY : Dan Huffman to F'07; civil disorder.

RUSSIA : John Hoffmann to S'08; civil disorder.

TURKEY : Eric Walton to S'08; civil disorder.

'ZINE : CHEESECAKE and STRAWBERRIES (alternately) - GM: Andy Lischett.

	'01	'02	'03	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	
AUSTRIA:	4	5	6	6	3	2	0			
ENGLAND:	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	7	6	draw
FRANCE :	6	6	7	5	4	4	4	4	5	draw
GERMANY:	5	6	5	6	6	6	5	7	10	draw
ITALY :	4	4	4	4	6	6	6	3	2	
RUSSIA :	5	5	4	5	5	6	8	7	5	
TURKEY :	5	4	4	3	5	5	6	6	6	

THEME AND VARIATIONS #1

Theme and Variations is the zine of **Mondo**j VPRS, a rating program for postal games of variant **Diplomacy**. It is published by Glenn Overby, c/o Octagon Enterprises, PO Box 36983, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236, on an irregular basis. Price: 50¢/issue postpaid. (No subscriptions.)

Welcome to the first issue of Theme and Variations, and the Mondo Variant Player Rating System. This represents the start of efforts to establish and maintain reliable player ratings for the variant branch of the Diplomacy hobby.

The Mondo Variant Player Rating System was introduced in issue #6 of my zine Mondo. It is a win/draw oriented system which also takes account of differing numbers of players, survival vs. elimination, and the joint wins featured in some designs. An extract from the original article is reprinted below, to explain the ratings.

"...Every player starts every variant game with three rating points. Some will be turned over to the winner or drawees; some may be kept.

a. If you survived, keep one point. (If you were eliminated, you forfeit this point to the Win Pool.)

b. If nobody won, keep one point. (If there was a winner, forfeit this point to the Win Pool. If you were that winner, it'll come back!)

c. Your third point goes directly to the Win Pool.

d. After all points are distributed, the Win Pool goes to the sole winner, or is divided equally among joint winners or drawees. Fractional points are rounded to the nearest tenth of a point.

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To compute a long-term rating from a series of results:

e. The three most recent results are doubled.

f. The three next most recent results are added in.

g. The arithmetic mean of all games other than the last six is computed, rounded to the nearest tenth of a point, and added in.

h. The sum of e, f, and g above is divided by 10. This is the final rating.

i. "Most recent result"--a game published in a later issue of the MNC's official zine is "more recent" than any earlier published. When comparing two games whose results are published by the MNC together, the one with the later Miller number is "more recent".

Finally, handling player changes:

j. Only the player who started for each position is rated. (For the...exception, see m below.)

k. A player who dropped out always receives a 0 rating. Points earned by a dropout are simply lost.

l. A player who resigned may receive 1 point if the position is entitled to points.

m. A standby who wins or draws, and who played at least four move seasons while finishing the game, gets the normal rating points minus 1.

n. A player who has standby results on record has a rating computed both with and without the standby games. If the rating without standby games is higher, it stands. If the rating with standby games is higher, average the two ratings--rounding down to the nearest hundredth--to get a final rating."

In theory, a player who has "average" results over an extended period should be rated around 3.00; more with good recent performances and less otherwise. But in practice 3.00 is a very good rating, since the system is designed to require several games (or a big win or two) to build a rating. "Average" results after three games will only rate 1.80; after five, 2.40. Since many (most?) players don't have three variant games on record, much less seven, the average rating is well below the average 3 points available per player per game.

The data base for this initial rating list is taken from Alpha and Omega, the official zine of the Miller Number Custodian. The entire run of A&O, issues #1-18, was used, covering over six years of variant play. Of the 88 games reported therein, 81 are rated in full, 2 are rated in part, 3 are temporarily unratable, and 2 were not rated. The complete list:

#1 (1983): 80M, 80Q
 #2 (1983): 80O, 80Y, 81A, 81E, 81R [76N not rated]
 #3 (1983): 82P
 #4 (1984): 81S, 83A, 83S, 83T, 83U, 83V
 #5 (1984): 79K, 82K, 82O, 83Q
 #6 (1984): 83F
 #7 (1985): 83C, 83R
 #8 (1985): 82M, 83H, 83I/part, 83AA, 84G, 84M
 #9 (1986): 83E, 83K, 83P, 84T, 85E, 85F
 #10 (1986): 80P, 81D, 83Y, 84F/part [83J not rated]
 #11 (1986): 82N, 83B, 83M, 84L, 84W, 85A, 85G, 85H, 85P, 85T, 86F
 [84H temporarily unrated]
 #12 (1987): 82H, 83L, 83Z, 85L, 86J, 86L, 86O, 86Y
 #13 (1987): 83D, 84A, 85B, 86N, 86U, 86X, 86AA, 86AC
 #14 (1987): 85Q, 86M, 86R, 86S
 #15 (1988): 86E, 86Q, 88Y, 88Z, 88AA
 #16 (1988): 84I, 86C, 87A [79T, 82R temporarily unrated]
 #17 (1988): 87AE
 #18 (1989): 84D, 85O, 86H, 86I, 86K, 86AG, 88R, 88HL, 88HM, 88HO

MondoJ Variant Player Rating System Initial Rating List

August 1, 1989: games through Alpha & Omega #18

295 players are recorded; 241 active (at least one result since 1/1/85).
 A rating of 1.50 was needed for the Top Fifty.

Board One: The Youngstown Board [#1-10]

11.20	Russ Rusnak (2W)	2	87
6.70	Fred Hyatt (4W)	12	89
6.58	Ralph Baty (1W)	8	88
5.90	Mark Frueh (3W)	4	86
5.80	David Lincoln (2W)	2	86
5.63	Neill Goltz (1W)	2+1	87
5.05	Bob Olsen (3W)	5+1	88
4.63	Lee Kendter Sr. (2W)	6+1	89
4.54	Ken Iverson (1W)	2	86
4.20	Dan Palter (1W)	6	89

Board Two: The Woolworth Board [#11-15]

4.20	Robert Addison (1W)	2	87
4.20	Doug Brown (1W)	1	88
4.00	Russell Blau (1W)	2	89
3.68	Karl Schuetz (2W)	13	89
3.60	Jeff McKee (1W)	2	89

Board Three: The Abstraction Board [#16-22]

3.40	Derwood Bowen (1W)	1	89
3.00	Don Ditter (3W)	3	87
2.90	James Wall	4	89
2.81	David Anderson (2W)	10+2	89
2.65	Ronald J. Brown	5	88
2.62	Bill Wulff	3	87
2.60	Steve Hutton (1W)	3	86

Board Four: The Atlantica Board [#23-29]

2.46	Mark Keller (1W)	4+1	86
2.46	Steve Langley	2	86
2.41	Rick Dorsey	2+2	89
2.40	Rainer Frieporter (1W)	1	87
2.40	Andy Lischett (1W)	0+2	87
2.40	Conrad Minshall	4	87
2.38	Robert Cheek	7	88

Board Five: The Downfall Board [#30-37]

2.30	Dan McCooey	2	86
2.30	Tom Andahl	1	85
2.30	Teresa Lewis	1	85
2.20	Mark Berch (2W)	3	87
2.20	Hugh Christie (1W)	1	85
2.20	Chip Charnley	5	85
2.16	Ed Wrobel	3	88
1.96	Gene Prosnitz	4	89

Board Six: The Mercator Board [#38-50]

1.90	Kathy Byrne Caruso	4	89
1.84	Mark Luedi	4	89
1.80	Melinda Ann Holley	3	89
1.76	Dave Bongard	3	89
1.71	Phil Cooper (2W)	11+1	89
1.70	Evans Givan (1W)	4	86
1.63	Mike Gonsalves	1+1	89
1.63	Jim Martin	1+1	88
1.60	Jeff Hoffman	3	89
1.60	Pete Jackson	2	89
1.60	Richard Young	2	85
1.55	Steve Arnawoodian	1+1	87
1.50	Dave Carter	3	86

Listings are in the form Rating--Name--(# Wins)--# Games[+ #Standbys]--
Year of Last Reported Result

17 other players are rated 1.00 or higher; 98 have fractional ratings;
76 have a 0.00 rating; 54 are inactive.

PLAYER RANKING:

NAME OF PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	POINTS	GAME AVERAGE
Randy Grigsby	1	4.78	4.780
Fred Hyatt	2	8.10	4.050
Jim Martin	2	7.18	3.590
Mike Gonsalves	1	3.26	3.260
Karl Schuetz	3	7.31	2.655
Gene Proznitz	4	9.14	2.285
Kee Kendter, Jr	2	3.45	1.725
David Lang	2	3.41	1.705
Phil Cooper	2	2.64	1.320
Geoffrey Richard	1	0.19	0.190
David Rice	1	0.17	0.170
Eric Schuetz	1	0.17	0.170
Steve Wilcox	1	0.15	0.150
Pierre Touchette	1	0.14	0.140
Ken Gestiehr	1	0.12	0.120
Elmer Hinton	1	0.12	0.120
Ooug Acheson	1	0.11	0.110
Stan Johnson	2	0.21	0.105
Robert Acheson	1	0.03	0.030
John Bauland	1	0.03	0.030
Bernie Oaklyn	1	0.02	0.020

POSITION RANKING AFTER 5 COMPLETED GAMES:

OTTOMAN	10.84	2,168
NETHERLANDS	8.34	1,688
FRANCE	8.22	1,644
RUSSIA	6.04	1,208
CHINA	6.00	1,200
PORTUGAL	5.21	1,042
SPAIN	3.62	0,724
ENGLAND	2.92	0,584
AUSTRIA	0.60	0,120

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I had considered using one listing for both Gunboat Colonia VI and Regular Colonia VI ratings, but quickly realized that is not the proper way to do it. So, here is the first rating for Gunboat Colonia VI players and positions:

THE PLAYERS:

NAME	GAMES	POINTS	GAME POINT AVERAGE
Lee Kendter, JR	1	9.43	9.43
David McCrumb	1	0.24	0.24
Karl Schuetz	1	0.16	0.16
Ooug Acheson	1	0.13	0.13
Lee Kendter, SR	1	0.07	0.07
Robert Stimmel	1	0.00	0.00

THE POSITIONS:

Ottoman	1	9.43	9.43
Russia	1	0.24	0.24
England	1	0.16	0.16
Netherlands	1	0.16	0.16
Portugal	1	0.16	0.16
France	1	0.13	0.13
Austria	1	0.07	0.07
China	1	0.00	0.00
Spain	1	0.00	0.00